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SUBJECT: SAG CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR DUTY ON
GRADERS AND SCRAPERS

REF: STATE 294494

1. SENIOR OFFICIAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN BOARD OF TRADE AND
INDUSTRY ADVISES THAT APPLICATION TO RAISE IMPORT DUTY ON
MOTOR GRADERS AND SCRAPERS FROM ZERO TO 15 0/0 STILL UNDER
STUDY BY BOARD. PROCEDURE IS THAT FOLLOWING COMMENTS FROM
INTERESTED PARTIES, STAFF STUDY IS DONE AND PRESENTED TO
BOARD FOR DECISION. IF FAVORABLE, MATTER GOES TO MINISTER
OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS FOR FINAL DECISION AFTER VIEWS OF OTHER
SAG AGENCIES RECEIVED. BOARD DECISION REPORTEDLY BASED ON
MERTIS OF CASE AND INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING
GATT COMMITMENTS WOULD BE FACTORED IN PRIOR TO MINISTER'S
DECISION. WHILE STATUTORY SIX WEEKS PERIOD FOR COMMENTS
BY INTERESTED PARTIES HAS EXPIRED (NOTICE POSTED AUG 27),
BOARD OFFICIAL STATED BOARD WOULD BE STILL WILLING TO
RECEIVE COMMENTS IF THEY WERE MADE FAIRLY QUICKLY. BOARD
OFFICIAL WOULD NOT PROJECT TIME FRAME FOR DECISION ON THIS
ISSUE BUT NOTED PROCESS CAN VARY BETWEEN THREE MONTHS AND
A YEAR. GIVEN WILLINGNESS OF BOARD TO STILL ACCEPT
COMMENTS, WE WOULD NOT EXPECT BOARD DECISION BEFORE
JANUARY.

2. OFFICIAL IN S.A. DEPT OF COMMERCE IN CHARGE OF GATT
AFFIARS STATES THAT MOTOR GRADERS ARE NOT BOUND UNDER
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GATT BUT THERE IS A GATT BINDING FOR SCRAPERS TO THE U.S.

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